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SUBJECT: POLITICAL OFFICERS CONFERENCE

1. WE APPRECIATE HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AGENDA FROM PARTICIPANTS IN POLITICAL OFFICERS CONFERENCE. SCHEDULE HAS BEEN PUT TOGETHER WITH AIM OF HAVING CONFERENCE STRUCTURED ENOUGH TO GIVE IT SOME DIRECTION WHILE AT SAME TIME NOT TYING US TOO CLOSELY TO A HEAVY AGENDA. WE HAVE ALSO TRIED, IN SELECTION OF THEMES, TO EMPHASIZE TOPICS WITH GENERAL REGIONAL INTEREST AND TO AVOID QUESTIONS THAT AFFECT ONLY A FEW OF THE COUNTRIES INVOLVED. WE HAVE NAMED DISCUSSION CHAIRMEN FOR EACH OF THE THEMES AND HOPE THE NOMINEES GRACIOUSLY ACCEPT THE TOPIC OFFERED. WE PROPOSE THAT EACH DISCUSSION BEGIN WITH AN INTRODUCTION OF THE TOPIC BY CHAIRMAN FOLLOWED BY GENERAL EXCHANGE OF IDEAS.

2. FOLLOWING IS CONFERENCE AGENDA. SOME POSSIBLE SPECIFIC AREAS OF INTEREST ARE MENTIONED AFTER THEMES.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 11

0900-0920 - OPENING REMARKS BY AMBASSADOR BYROADE

0930-1030 - SHORT REPORTS (ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES EACH) FROM
MESSRS. SCHAFER, KREISBERG, HALLMAN AND COCHRAN ON THEIR HOST
COUNTRY GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS OF SOUTH ASIA.

1030-1045 - COFFEE BREAK

1045-1130 - SHORT REPORTS FROM MESSRS. MILLS, KAY AND FISCHER.

1130-1315 - DEFINING US INTERESTS IN SOUTH ASIA - MR. COCHRAN.

THOUGHTS IN SOUTH ASIA POLICY PAPER PREPARED BY DEPARTMENT CAN BE
BASIS FOR THIS DISCUSSION. WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL TO CONSIDER
WHETHER OUR DIPLOMATIC PROFILE IN REGION ACCORDS WITH THE
PRESENT PERCEPTION OF US INTEREST.

1315-1430 - LUNCH AT AMERICAN CLUB

1430-1545 - INDIAN OCEAN, US PRESENCE AND REGIONAL PERCEPTIONS -
MR. KAY. LITTORAL PROPOSALS FOR INDIAN OCEAN (NUCLEAR FREE ZONE,
ZONE OF PEACE), AND REGIONAL VIEW OF US PRESENCE; DIEGO GARCIA.

1545-1700 - NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENTS AND US POLICY - MR. KREISBERG.
HOW DO INDIAN AND PAKISTANI NUCLEAR POLICIES AFFECT REGION; HOW
ACTIVE SHOULD US BE IN SEEKING TO INFLUENCE NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENTS
IN THE AREA, HOW MUCH INFLUENCE DO WE HAVE IN THIS FIELD.

1830-2030 - RECEPTION HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR AND MRS. BYROADE
AT THE RESIDENCE.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

0900-1015 - REGIONAL PERCEPTIONS OF SOVIET/PRC INTENTIONS -

MR. HALLMAN.

1015-1130 - TIES BETWEEN SOUTH ASIA AND THE MUSLIM WORLD - MR.
MILLS. CAN AND SHOULD USG ENCOURAGE GREATER IRANIAN INVOLVEMENT
IN SOUTH ASIA. PROSPECT FOR EXPANDED RCD AND OTHER TRADE LINKS.
CENTO.

1130-1145 - COFFEE BREAK

1145-1300 - SOUTH ASIA AND MULTILATERAL INTERESTS - MR. FISCHER.
WHAT ROLE CAN POSTS PLAY IN MEETING NEW WASHINGTON EXPECTATIONS
ON HOW POSITIONS IN MULTILATERAL FORUMS AFFECT OUR BILATERAL
RELATIONS. SOUTH ASIA, STATES AS MODERATING INFLUENCE IN MULT-
ILATERAL AND THIRD WORLD FORUMS.

1300-14EP - LUNCH AT AMERICAN CLUB.

1500-1630 - ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION AT MFA. PARTICIPANTS WILL MEET
MFA OFFICERS CONCERNED WITH SOUTH ASIAN AFFAIRS AND US/PAK
RELATIONS. MEETING WILL BE OPENED BY ADDITIONAL FOREIGN SECRET-
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ARY SHAHNAWAZ.

EVENING - SMALL, INFORMAL DINNERS AT HOME WILL BE HOSTED BY
EMBASSY ISLAMABAD OFFICERS WITH PAK AND THIRD COUNTRY GUESTS.

MARCH 13 FULL DAY BULL-SESSION AT AMBASSADOR'S HOUSE IN MURREE.
INFORMAL GIVE AND TAKE CAN BE BUILT ON THOUGHTS COMING OUT OF
THEMES DISCUSSED PREVIOUS TWO DAYS. AN ADDITIONAL TOPIC THAT
MIGHT BE DISCUSSED IS PERCEPTION OF COUNTRIES IN REGION OF US

RELIABILITY. ALTHOUGH AREA COUNTRIES ARE DEPENDENT ON US FOR VARYING REASONS IN VARYING DEGREE, IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO CONSIDER IF EXECUTIVE/LEGISLATIVE DIFFERENCES ON FOREIGN POLICY IN US HAVE AFFECTED THEIR PERCEPTIONS OR INCREASED THEIR CAUTION IN DEALING WITH US.

3. MISSION WILL SUPPLY RAPORTEURS WHO, AT END OF CONFERENCE, WILL PREPARE REPORT FOR DEPARTMENT AND PARTICIPATING POSTS ON GENERAL CONFERENCE CONCLUSIONS.

4. REQUESTS FOR TRAVEL AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FROM PARTICIPANTS ARE GOING MET. SEE YOU NEXT WEEK.
BY ROADE

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